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15924 HWY 49  
Camptonville, CA 95922

Attention: Heather Newell – Assistant Public Service Officer

**Subject: Public Water System No. 4600081 – Citation No. 01-02-13C-012-4600081-22  
June 2013 Exceedance of the Bacteriological Maximum Contaminant Level**

Enclosed is a citation issued to the Tahoe National Forest Chapman Creek Campground (Campground). The citation is being issued because the Campground failed to comply with the drinking water standard for total coliform bacteria during the month of June 2013. Please be aware that the Directives section of the citation contains required actions that must be taken by the Campground to return to compliance.

Note that Section 116577 of the California Safe Drinking Water Act provides for our Department to be reimbursed by the public water system for costs incurred for preparing and issuing a citation to that system. In accordance with Section 116577, the Campground will be billed for the preparation and issuance of this citation. Our current costs are approximately \$126 per hour. The estimated time to prepare the citation is one hour.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please call staff engineer Steve Watson at (530) 224-4828 or me at (530) 224-4800.

Michael J. McNamara, P.E.  
Lassen District Engineer  
DRINKING WATER FIELD  
OPERATIONS BRANCH

Enclosures

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3 STATE OF CALIFORNIA  
4 DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH  
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6 Public Water System: TNF – Chapman Creek Campground.

7 Water System No.: 4600081  
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9 To: Tahoe National Forest – Yuba Ranger District  
10 Attention: Heather Newell, Assistant Public Service Officer  
11 15924 HWY 49  
12 Camptonville, CA 95922  
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14 Issued: September 13, 2013  
15 VIA CERTIFIED MAIL  
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17 CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE  
18 With Title 22 California Code of Regulations  
19 Section 64426.1(b)  
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21 Section 116650 of the California Health and Safety Code (CHSC) authorizes the  
22 issuance of a citation for failure to comply with a requirement of the California Safe  
23 Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, commencing with  
24 Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit, or order issued thereunder.

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26 The Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management of the California  
27 Department of Public Health (Department) hereby issues a citation to the Tahoe



1 National Forest Chapman Creek Campground (Campground) for failure to comply  
2 with Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the California Code of Regulations (CCR).

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4 **APPLICABLE AUTHORITIES**

5 Section 116650 of the CHSC states in relevant part:

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7 (a) If the department determines that a public water system is in violation of  
8 this chapter or any regulation, permit, standard, citation, or order issued  
9 or adopted thereunder, the department may issue a citation to the  
10 public water system. The citation shall be served upon the public water  
11 system personally or by certified mail. Service shall be deemed  
12 effective as of the date of personal service or the date of receipt of the  
13 certified mail. If a person to whom a citation is directed refuses to  
14 accept delivery of the certified mail, the date of service shall be deemed  
15 to be the date of mailing.

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17 (b) Each citation shall be in writing and shall describe the nature of the  
18 violation or violations, including a reference to the statutory provision,  
19 standard, order, citation, permit, or regulation alleged to have been  
20 violated.

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22 (c) A citation may specify a date for elimination or correction of the  
23 condition constituting the violation.

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25 (d) A citation may include the assessment of a penalty as specified in  
26 subdivision (e).



1 (e) The department may assess a penalty in an amount not to exceed one  
2 thousand dollars (\$1,000) per day for each day that a violation  
3 occurred, and for each day that a violation continues to occur. A  
4 separate penalty may be assessed for each violation.

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6 Section 64426.1(b), Title 22, of the CCR states in relevant part:

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8 (b) A public water system is in violation of the total coliform MCL [maximum  
9 contaminant level] when any of the following occurs:

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11 (1) For a public water system which collects at least 40 samples per  
12 month, more than 5.0 percent of the samples collected during any  
13 month are total coliform-positive; or

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15 (2) For a public water system which collects fewer than 40 samples per  
16 month, more than one sample collected during any month is total  
17 coliform-positive; or

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19 (3) Any repeat sample is fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-positive; or

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21 (4) Any repeat sample following a fecal coliform-positive or E. coli-  
22 positive routine sample is total coliform-positive.

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24 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

25 The Tahoe National Forest Chapman Creek Campground (Campground) is located  
26 on Highway 49, approximately 3-miles northeast of Bassett. It is typically open for  
27 public use during the months between April and November each year. The domestic



1 water system is classified as a transient noncommunity water system. As such, the  
2 Campground is required to collect one routine bacteriological sample during each  
3 month it is open to the public. The water system consists of a spring, a 1,000-gallon  
4 poly storage tank, and the distribution system. On June 3, 2013, the Campground  
5 collected a routine sample from the distribution system that was found to contain total  
6 coliform bacteria. On June 4, 2013, five repeat samples were collected from the  
7 distribution system, three of which were found to contain total coliform bacteria. None  
8 of the samples that contained total coliform bacteria tested positive for E. coli. The  
9 water system was then disinfected by dosing the storage tank with sodium  
10 hypochlorite and flushing this water through the distribution system. On June 10,  
11 2013, five additional samples were collected from the distribution system. Three of  
12 these samples were found to contain total coliform bacteria. None of the samples  
13 that contained total coliform bacteria tested positive for E. coli. On June 11, 2013,  
14 Tahoe National Forest personnel turned the water supply to the Campground off,  
15 making it a "dry" campground. At that time, the Department was notified that the  
16 Campground will remain dry until the contamination in the water system is eliminated.

## 18 DETERMINATIONS

19 The Department has determined that the Campground violated Section  
20 64426.1(b)(2), Title 22, of the CCR, in that the Campground exceeded the total  
21 coliform MCL during the month of June 2013.

## 23 DIRECTIVES

24 The Campground is hereby directed to take the following actions:

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26 1. Comply with Section 64426.1, Title 22, of the CCR in all future monitoring  
27 periods.



1 2. Within 30 days of the issuance of this Citation, notify all persons served by the  
2 Campground of the MCL violation as required by Section 64463.4 and Section  
3 64465, Title 22, of the CCR. Notification shall be completed in accordance with  
4 each of the following:

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6 a. Posting of the notice contained in Attachment 'A' in conspicuous  
7 locations throughout the Campground.

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9 b. Provide the notice contained in Attachment 'A' to visitors using one or  
10 more of the following methods to reach persons not likely to be reached  
11 by a public posting:

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13 i. Publication in a local newspaper,

14 ii. Posting on the Internet.

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16 Changes and/or modifications to Attachment 'A' shall be not be made  
17 unless approved by the Department.

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19 3. Complete and return Attachment 'B' "Certification of Completion of Public  
20 Notification" form within 30 days of receiving this Citation. A copy of the notice  
21 used to provide public notification shall be attached to the form.



1 All documents required by this Citation to be submitted to the Department shall be  
2 submitted to the following address:

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4 Michael J. McNamara, P. E.  
5 Lassen District Engineer  
6 Drinking Water Field Operations  
7 Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management  
8 Department of Public Health  
9 415 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 110  
10 Redding, CA 96002  
11 (530) 224-4800  
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13 Nothing in this Citation relieves the Campground of its obligation to meet the  
14 requirements of Health and Safety Code, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4 (California  
15 Safe Drinking Water Act), or any regulation, permit, standard or order issued or  
16 adopted thereunder.

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18 The Department reserves the right to make such modifications to this Citation, as it  
19 may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications may be  
20 issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon issuance.

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22 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

23 Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4, (commencing with section 116270) of the California  
24 Health and Safety Code authorizes the Department to: issue additional citations with  
25 assessment of penalties if the Campground continues to fail to correct a violation  
26 identified in a citation; take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has been issued  
27 to a public water system if the system has violated applicable law or regulations or



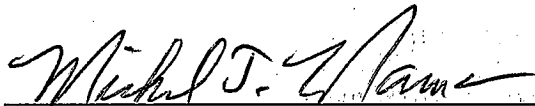
1 has failed to comply with orders of the Department; and petition the superior court to  
2 take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to  
3 comply with orders of the Department. The Department does not waive any further  
4 enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.

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6 **PARTIES BOUND**

7 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon the Campground, its officers,  
8 directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors, and assignees.

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10 **SEVERABILITY**

11 The directives of this Citation are severable, and the Campground shall comply with  
12 each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of any other  
13 provision.

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16 Michael J. McNamara, P.E.  
17 District Engineer  
18 Lassen District  
19 Drinking Water Field Operations Branch

9-13-2013

Date



20 **Attachments:**

21 'A' Public Notification

22 'B' Certification of Completion of Public Notification  
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## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.

Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

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### Tests Showed Coliform Bacteria in the Chapman Creek Campground's Domestic Water System

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Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this incident was not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what happened and what we did to correct the situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants in the water system. For June 2013, we collected 11 samples from our water system to test for the presence of coliform bacteria. Seven of these samples showed the presence of coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than one sample per month may show the presence of coliform bacteria.

#### What Should You Do?

**You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.** However, if you have specific health concerns, consult your doctor.

People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1 (800) 426-4791.

#### What Does This Mean?

This is not an emergency. If it were, you would have been notified immediately. Coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*

Usually, coliform bacteria are a signal that there may be a problem with our source of supply, storage, or distribution systems. Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or E. coli, are present. We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing.

#### What Happened? What Was Done?

On June 3, 2013, the Campground collected a routine sample from the distribution system that was found to contain total coliform bacteria. On June 4, 2013, five repeat samples were collected from the distribution system, three of which were found to contain total coliform bacteria. The water system was then disinfected and flushed. On June 10, 2013, five additional samples were collected from the distribution system. Three of these samples were found to contain total coliform bacteria. On June 11, 2013, Tahoe National Forest personnel turned the water supply to the Campground off, making it a "dry" campground. The Campground will remain dry until the contamination in the water system is eliminated.

For more information please contact Heather Newell, Tahoe National Forest, at 530-478-6253.

This notice is being provided to you by the Tahoe National Forest in compliance with the California Domestic Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations as a means of keeping the public informed.

**CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF PUBLIC NOTIFICATION**

This form when completed and returned to the Division of Drinking Water and Environmental Management (364 Knollcrest Drive, Suite 101, Redding, CA 96002 or fax to 530-224-4844), serves as certification that public notification to water users was completed as required by the California Water Quality and Monitoring Regulations. Completing public notification and providing the Department with certification is important. Failure to do so will result in additional hourly time charges to your water utility and may result in a formal enforcement action with monetary penalties.

**Public Water System Name** TNF – Chapman Creek CG

**Public Water System No.** 4600081

Public notification for the June 2013 bacteriological failure was performed by the following method(s):

**(CHECK AND COMPLETE ONLY THOSE THAT APPLY)**

       The notice was published in the local newspaper on                                 . A copy of the newspaper notice is attached.

       The notice was mailed to users on                                 . A copy of the notice is attached.

       The notice hand delivered to water customers on                                 . A copy of the notice is attached.

       The attached notice was posted in the following conspicuous places:

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For this method, provide the date (or dates) that the notice was posted                                 .

I hereby certify that the above information is factual.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Printed Name

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Signature

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Date